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Project Romania is a registered charity, (No. 1042512), and was set up in 1994 by CHARD CHURCHES TOGETHER.

The trustees are drawn from the 7 local churches, but the Charity touches many people in many other areas of the United Kingdom.

The main aim of the Charity is to share the love if God in the commune of Seica Mare, Transylvania, and this is achieved by helping the children and the poorest and most vulnerable in the community with health needs encouraging educational schemes and cultural pursuits such as traditional dance and music responding financially when needed encouraging members of the commune to get work and take responsibility for their families

The charity's work has expanded over the past thirteen years, and many different aid programmes have been developed in 5 of the villages of the commune; Seica Mare, Calvasser, Boarta, Stenea and Buia.

Where children have a need, whether it is for food, health or just somewhere warm to do Homework, Project Romania has been there to help.

In 2005 the beautiful community centre- named by the Romanians, the Rainbow Centre of Hope - was opened by the Charity's Patron, Graham Watson MEP. This is already in daily use and there are plans for much more in the future.

In 2008 a group from the commune came to Chard for the official twinning ceremony. The group consisted of adult representation from all parts of the community and a team of 34 children who danced their traditional dances for the schools and people of Chard.

Now, 20 years on in 2011, we know the way ahead will be different but it will be exciting. We are looking to God to lead - and to reveal His plans for all involved with Project Romania, both in the UK and in the commune of Seica Mare.

Do browse the site and see more.



Council's grants to local groups

CREWKERNE Town Council presented their annual grants at the meeting on Monday.

The Mayor, Councillor Neil Sturtivant, performing his first official duty after re-election, said: "I take great pleasure in this as it is something that some councils have stopped doing, but I think it is essential in this day and age to help local groups."

Accepting £1,000 on behalf of the Henhayes Centre, chairman of the trustees Tim Udall commented that if they did not have this support from the town, they would have to fold.

Roger Roussel gratefully accepted the £1,500 on behalf of the museum and heritage centre which faces a drastic cut in district funding over the next two years. He said: "The Heritage Centre grant means an awful lot as the district money is being chiselled away."

Diane Butler, manager of the Local Information Centre said their grant of £335 would go towards producing a new guide to keep promoting Crewkerne as a good place to be.

Ben Sach accepted £335 for Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society which he said would be put to good use.

There was no representative from the Citizens' Advice Bureau which was allocated £2,000 and Councillor Andrea Stuart took the cheque for West One Youth and Community Centre as a council representative. West One got the largest slice at £10,250 because the majority is paid back to the council in rent.

Crewkerne Town Crier David Craner thanked the council for his honorarium of £300 which he will use towards his expenses as he travels to competitions, representing the town with his Crewkerne cry.

The Crewkerne and District Twinning Association were given £150 which vice chairman Diana Dyke said will go towards the latest visit by the French which is due shortly.

Vice president of St Margaret's Hospice, Malcolm Maxted, thanked the council for their generosity in donating £500 which would help those from Crewkerne unfortunate enough to need the hospice.

The cheque recipients are pictured with the mayor on the front page.

Mayor continues in office



■ MEET THE TOWN COUNCIL: Front row - Alys Hennessy, Sylvia Allman, Angie Singleton. Middle row - deputy mayor Robin Pailthorpe, Mayor Neil Sturtivant, Jo Dawson, Sue White. Back row - Andrea Stuart, Teresa Bond, Rusty Jackson, Mike Best and Ron Bond.

THE MAYOR of Crewkerne remains in office along with his deputy after the new town council met for the first time on Monday evening, following the election.

Councillor Neil Sturtivant faced no contest for the mayoral office as his fellow LibDems were happy to keep the status quo.

Likewise when he nominated Councillor Robin Pailthorpe to continue as his deputy there was no objection.

The two Conservatives on the council, Teresa and Ron Bond, abstained during the vote.

The councillors then voted on the committee posts, which were chosen as follows: Planning & Highways Chairman: Councillor Robin Pailthorpe, vice chairman: new councillor Jo Dawson. Amenities - Chairman: Councillor Andrea Stuart, vice chairman: Councillor Sue White. The George Reynolds Centre Project (sports and community centre) - Chairman: Councillor Rusty Jackson, vice chairman: Councillor Angie Singleton.

Policy & Resources - Chairman: Councillor Mike Best, vice chairman: Councillor Angie Singleton.

By Marion Draper

Crewkerne news

Regional award

THE CUT through between Falkland Square and the George shopping precinct in Crewkerne has won a regional award.

Headed by South Somerset District Council and regeneration group A Better Crewkerne and District (ABCD), the £39,000 scheme was unveiled late last year.

The precinct had long been considered an eyesore, but because it is owned by several landowners based across the country, an improvement project required coordination and resurfacing.

It has now been announced that the scheme has won the Action for Market Towns Partnership and Strategic Working Award for the West region.

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The dog has black ears and black on his rear end, but is predominately white. He answers to 'Nipper', has been neutered and is micro-chipped. He was taken on Sunday, May 16th and was last seen in an enclosed yard just before 2.30 pm. He was noticed missing around 4pm when his owners went to take him for a walk and discovered the gates open to the yard. Despite searches and enquiries made with the neighbours he was not found. Police say a Landrover was seen in the area the day before and would like the owner to come forward.

If you have any information please contact the police on 0845 456 7000 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Thanks for support

CHARD and Crewkerne After Stroke Club would like to thank everyone who supported their recent raffle and coffee morning which raised £1,566.75.

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WADHAM head students

WADHAM School has announced their new Head Student Team for the academic year 2011-2012.

A team of six students was selected from a candidature of thirteen all of whom were really keen to be part of something special. The six members of the team are Chad Osborne, Mitchell Wingham, Tom Wood, Emma Hallett, Augustinah Olawuni and Vikki Rolley. Mitchell Wingham has been selected as the president of the team.

All candidates had to either enjoy or endure two lots of hustings in front of an audience of fellow students and staff. They then had to go before an interview panel consisting of students from all year groups, the headteacher, David Derbyshire and the director of learning for key stage 5, Henry McNulty.

Mr McNulty said that he was delighted that so many high calibre students had put themselves forward for this very important role in which they can help to shape school policy and set the tone for the Sixth Form as a whole. The many exciting ideas put forward by the candidates will be discussed fully at a conference in the near future.

No confusion about the laughs for CUDOS

By Marion Draper

THE LATEST offering from Crewkerne United Dramatic and Operatic Society was a comedy called "Confusions" by Alan Ayckbourn.

The five one act plays which were all linked tenuously by one or more characters along the theory that we are all never more than six places removed from anyone.

This study of the hilarious situations that come up in everyday life treated the audience to everything from farce to a talking heads type monologue creating titters and giggles throughout.

The next show to look out for will be the CUDOS autumn musical of Sweet Charity which will be shown in September.



■ GOSFORTH'S FETE: Ben and Diana Hodgson (Gordon Gosforth and Millie Carter) Miles Browning (vicar) and Dendy Harris as the soggy Emma Pearce



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MP apologises after expenses inquiry

But Labour MP calls for police to investigate

DAVID Laws, MP for the Yeovil Constituency, has apologised following the inquiry into his expenses by the House of Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges.

The committee decided that Mr Laws broke a number of House of Commons rules by paying rent to a partner and mis-designating his main home. These breaches were described as "serious" and following a vote by MPs Mr Laws will be suspended from the House of Commons for one week, beginning June 7th.

Following the publishing of the report, Mr Laws said: "I accept the conclusions of the Parliamentary Commissioner and the House of Commons committee. I apologise for the rules I have broken, but I am very pleased indeed that the inquiry concluded that my motivation was privacy and not financial gain, and that the taxpayer was the beneficiary of my desire to keep my private life private."

"The Commissioner has accepted that my expense claims would have been far higher – by some £30,000 over the period from 2004 to 2010 – if I had been open about my relationship, and had designated London as the home where I spent most nights each week."

"When I resigned from the Cabinet, I promised to pay back all my claims from July 2006 to July 2009, after the partner rule change, and I have done this even though the Commissioner has noted that I would have been entitled to claim more money than this based upon my actual circumstances."



"The last year has been a very difficult one, and I am pleased that this whole inquiry is now over. I accept that I was wrong to try to keep my private circumstances private, and I apologise for this. However, I hope that everyone will now accept that I did not do this to increase my claims, and indeed seeking to keep my life private in this way saved the taxpayer money."

"I am very grateful to my constituency party in Yeovil, which has stood by me during this horrible year of my life. I am also particularly grateful to the people of Yeovil Constituency, who have overwhelmingly treated me with kindness, generosity and understanding."

"I now intend to get on with my job of being local MP, and supporting the Government in its attempts to sort out the economic mess and make Britain a freer and fairer place in which to live."

However Labour MP Thomas Docherty has since made a complaint to the Metropolitan Police, asking them to investigate the expenses.

Mr Docherty told the BBC that The Met had confirmed they would be carrying out an investigation into Mr Laws in the light of the complaint that he made and the evidence they had received from the parliamentary standards commissioner's inquiry published last week.

A Liberal Democrat spokesman replied that it was completely natural for the police to investigate any complaint that they had received but continued: "As they've looked at it before we don't expect anything to come of it, but we will await the police's response."

Help for young people to create their own projects

OVER 100 young people from across South Somerset gathered in one place this week to mastermind dozens of new projects in their communities.

The unique event, which was organised by South Somerset District Council, saw the youngsters create plans for a new youth café in Chard, discos in Stoke sub Hamdon, a community garden in Martock, a summer camp in Ilchester and a community play space in Milborne Port, amongst others.

"The idea was to let members of youth groups get together with the agencies that can give them support and advice," said Jay Lewin, Young People's Officer at South Somerset District Council.

The groups attended workshops on team skills, how to apply for funding, activities and how to organise events for any generation or age.

They received help in developing their project ideas and were given goody bags with useful information including funding application forms from sources such as the Yarlinton Housing Community Fund.

Young people in Martock formulated a project to transform a currently concreted area into a community garden, while South Petherton Youth Council decided to carry out a "Youth Inclusion not Exclusion" survey to find out from young people directly what they would like to see in terms of youth involvement and provision for young people.

Ms Lewin added: "These young people have some incredibly fresh ideas and everyone was impressed by just how much was achieved on the night. Young people

are at least 25 per cent of any community, and this event gave them a voice and the support to lead a project within their village or town, which will enhance their value within their communities."

"The district council in partnership with all of the other youth agencies wants to help communities help themselves. By motivating the young people and showing that there's support available then we can really kick start a lot of action."

"We've called it 'Big up, big society' and we will be monitoring their progress as they go along."

Youth groups attending were: Chard, South Petherton Youth Council, Barwick, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Martock, Bruton, Milborne Port, Active Learning and Skills, (covering South Petherton, Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster), Young Volunteers in Service, Keinton Mandeville Youth Council and Raising Youth Game mental health group from Yeovil.

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This year saw students dressed to the nines in ball gowns and tuxedos as they arrived at the academy in various types of transport from tractor trailers to horse drawn carriages.

Assistant headteacher Mrs Davison said: "Many teenagers would balk at the task of organising these celebrations but we have a very large team of students who, together have been instrumental in carrying out market research, pricing products, getting competitive quotes, booking photographers and entertainment.

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Cresta pool is better and brighter

By Marion Draper



■ **GREAT MOMENT:** Dennis Freeman-Wright, Councillor Jill Shortland, Nick Lovett, Will Branwood and Lee Bond

AMONG one of her last duties as the Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jill Shortland cut the ribbon at the official re-opening of the Kingfisher Pool at Cresta Leisure Centre after a £100,000 refit. Improvements by Taunton based company CS Williams Limited, include new changing rooms, and reception area as well as the installation of energy efficient lighting in the pool hall.

Councillor Shortland said: "For the people of Chard, this pool is invaluable, we have some wonderful swimming groups here and I have had the pleasure of presenting many awards to many fantastic small children who started competitive swimming here and continue as they grow up. I have been involved with the pool throughout my 20 years as a councillor including to keep fit after the birth of my children.

I would like to say a big thank you to those who have funded this, in a place like Chard it is a huge amount of money and to be able to do a refurbishment at a time of cuts is an achievement. However, we do need a new pool and we mustn't lose sight of that as an ambition for our children."

The work was done in six weeks at the pool which is managed by the not for profit trust Somerset Leisure and half of the money for the refit was provided by the Amateur Swimming Association.

Leisure centre services manager at Cresta, Richard Blythe, said: "The pool at Cresta has played a pivotal role in the life of the community during the past 25 years. People have enjoyed using the pool, including the Somerset born swimmer and Commonwealth Games Gold medallist Matt Clay who was a member of the local swimming club here. Now everyone from babies to pensioners will be able to enjoy the fantastic new facilities."

Nick Lovett representing Somerset Leisure, said: "The commitment of the staff here is wonderful. We have made the best use of the £100,000 thanks to the excellent part funding by the ASA. We are delighted that CS Williams pulled it all together so quickly and I gather the staff were involved with painting the outside and cutting the hedge back so it was a real team effort."



■ **MAKING A SPLASH:** Cresta staff Lee Bond, Dan Goetz, Jayne Spurdle, Jackie Smith and Sue Hanson



■ **TEAM EFFORT:** Members of CS Williams, Cresta staff and honoured guests at the poolside

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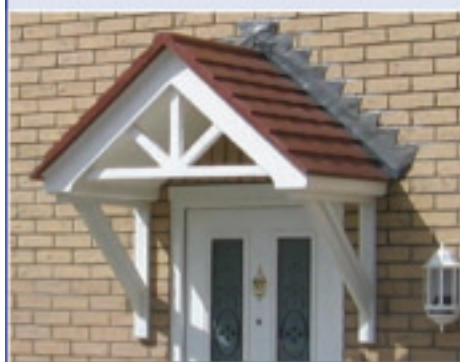


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Merriott Eagles are flying high

MERRIOTT Eagles Under 8s were presented with the trophy for this season as winners of the Fair Play Award in the Yeovil and District League.

The team (pictured) is made up of 10 boys from four local schools.

The team managers, Chris Bolan and Steve Sivell (ex Yeovil Town first team player), said that all the boys and their families are very proud of this achievement and look forward to next season.



Veterinary nurse secures Borneo place



■ GOAL REACHED: Kingsfisher veterinary nurse Anne Willson with patient Bella

THANKS to the generosity of her supporters, veterinary nurse Anne Willson will definitely be going to Borneo in October.

The nurse, who works for the Kingfisher Veterinary Practice, will be going to help at the Blue Cross Orang Utan rescue project in the midst of the rainforest and has been undergoing rigorous fitness training and raising funds for the charity in order to secure a place.

Thanks to sponsorship by the partners and other local businesses and individuals, Anne raised £400 for running the first ever Yeovil half marathon. Her mother raised £800 by holding a name the duck competition and a bring and buy stall. Other money was raised through a dog walk, quizzes, a Pampered Chef party and car boot sales.

She was expecting to have to do more fundraising through the summer including at the Kingfisher dog show to be held in Taunton but last week her total hit £3,240.82, enough for the trip and the donation to Blue Cross she had to raise.

Anne said: "I can't believe it, I will really be going in October thanks to everyone. I just want to find a camera now so I can document the trip. I have to keep my pack weight to a limit as we will be trekking quite a way. I have changed my training from running to walking now."

"I went to Blue Cross in Oxford in April and met a few of the people who are going and learnt what we will be doing. While we trek into the forest, we will not be sleeping in tents as I thought, it will just be a tarpaulin and windbreak around and area. When we get to the conservation site, we will stay with the local villagers."

"Apparently there is one shop where we can buy bottles of water and Coke. Then we take a boat to an island for four days where we will be taught how to look for the Orang Utan and identify their nests and poo and if we see them to make notes about what they are doing. Then we will dig up saplings and take them for replanting. It is great to think that in 20 years' time, there will be an Orang climbing up a tree I have planted!"

Still looking for Miss Chard

CHARD Carnival committee are still hoping for entries to Miss Chard and the Princess competition.

In her description of her experiences in last week's edition the current Miss Chard, Hazel Mahoney, was trying to encourage others to step forward, and did not name her opponent, Amy Down.

This was not meant as a slight to Miss Down who was, in fact, such a close contender, the committee created an extra place for her as an attendant which they have said was a one off and will not be repeated. An extra dress, flowers and three tiaras were all provided by local sponsorship along with the numerous other sponsors for which the committee are ever grateful.

The ticket sales raised for the girls entry was a £200 minimum. In fact all three girls exceeded this; Amy having raised £350, Hazel £250 and princess Jessica Lacey £250. There is no upper age limit for Miss Chard. Anyone interested should call Doreen on 014060 64502 or Paul on 62108.



MULTI-talented Vicky Wilkins of Country Curtains and Drapes has lived in the Chard area all her life.

Born and brought on a farm up just over the border in Dorset, she now lives on a smallholding at Winsham, raising Dexter cattle, sheep and chickens while running the business she started with her husband Mark.

Vicky went to college in Yeovil aiming for sciences and environmental or veterinary work, but followed her aptitude for art and took a City and Guilds in fashion design at Exeter. She began her career by dressmaking at home then she met Mark and they started the business in 1996, which has grown to supplying home furnishings, curtains and blinds and all the accessories.

With a waste not want not attitude, Vicky uses up the scrap material to make decorative lined shopping bags which she plans to launch on the internet, when Mark has time to show her how, as she is a bit of a technophobe!

● WAS sewing in your family?

Yes, it's definitely in my blood, my grandfather on my mum's side was from a family of drapers and my grandmother's side were tailors in the Midlands. My father's side, the Coles, were farmers and I have, so far, traced them back to 1756. I like genealogy too.

● HOW do you balance the town business and your smallholding?

I get up and see to the horses, sheep and chickens which is an early morning task, then I get our daughter ready for school. Then in the evening, about 9pm after she has gone to bed, I see to the animals for the night. It's better than sitting and watching telly. People think I'm strange because I don't watch the soaps. I've got better things to do.

● DO you have any other strings to your bow?

I can do water divining, I just need someone to teach me how much and how deep.

I use my wedding ring on a chain to tell when the sheep are pregnant and I predicted my own daughter. With the animals of course it can be mixed sexes, the ring swings in an oval then. It goes in a circle for a female and back and forth for a male.

● IF you had time just for you what would you do?

I love to paint in watercolours so if someone said take time off, I would go and sit on top of Exmoor and get painting.

● WHAT about riding?

I used to ride to hounds, side saddle and I have a 16-year-old thoroughbred that I bred myself which I am only just getting back in to riding. I learned side saddle on my Shetland pony first from Linda Timms from Holditch and later from Granny Skelton, the top lady in the Side Saddle Association. I still have my saddles and I hope my daughter will learn as she gets more confident.

● WHAT do you like most about living in this area?

It's beautiful here, especially the coastline. We went to Lulworth Cove last October and I thought why would you need to go anywhere else? If you want a bit of the high life it's easy to pop up to Bristol or London - we went to see a couple of shows in Bristol for my husband's 40th. People come to our house and love to look out the back window. It's a view that money can't buy, right across the Axe valley.

● ARE you doing anything to improve things?

We have been planting beech trees which I am very excited about, especially copper beech and I keep finding oak trees in the veg patch and moving them elsewhere.

● IS there anything you haven't done but would like to?

We both do wood turning. I did it at school then took a two-day course at Axminster Tools when I was feeling very sick and pregnant. Mum bought me a lathe and hubby paid for the course, and then I taught him. Now he makes clocks. I would like to turn a green thin walled bowl in oak or beech, so when it dries out it cracks and twists. We have a big oak down that is about 20 years old, we want to get someone in to plank it then make a refectory table but I want to give it turned legs, which is not traditional.

● DID you make your own wedding dress?

Yes, I designed it myself, cut it out on the Tuesday for our wedding on the Saturday and it cost me about £50, I used eight metres of silk that I already had from college. The most expensive part was the lining that I had to buy.

● YOU had a bit of a drama on your wedding didn't you?

Dad and I were members of the National Sweet Pea Society and showed together. The week before the wedding all our sweet peas were vandalised but someone else had been growing them for the wedding too, which I didn't realise and we ended up with more than we started with. Sweet pea people are all so lovely. I am not growing them at the moment - I only grow things we can eat.

● DO you like cooking?

I love my AGA and cry when it has to be switched off because it is too warm. We have our own beef and lamb so I like cooking traditional roasts ad I like baking, I also have one of those microwave combo ovens and I'm getting quite good at making cakes in it.

● ANY wild ambitions?

When my daughter is old enough and has her confidence on horseback, I would love to ride with her through the Rockies and North Dakota. I'd also like to do the Indiana Jones trail through Petra. Ever since I saw the movie when it first came out I've wanted to do that, I didn't realise places like that really existed.



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Scouts parade on the lawn

By Marion Draper

SCOUT groups from the South Somerset District postponed their annual St George's Day parade until Sunday, May 16th this year, to avoid clashing with Easter Saturday.

The groups from the Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster area take turns to host the annual event which is a highlight in the Scouting calendar.

Ilminster were this year's hosts and District Commissioner Dawn Wines approached Matthew Applegate at Barrington Court, who thought it was a great idea for the parade to be held on the south lawns of the property.

The service was conducted by the Reverend Geoff Wade who said he very much enjoyed the unconstrained atmosphere of the alfresco event.

Attending were 1st Ilton and Broadway, 1st Hinton St George, 1st Crewkerne and

1st Ilminster Scout groups, leaders past and present and family members.

As part of the ceremony everyone renewed their promise and certificates were presented to leaders for long service. Bronze, silver and gold levels of achievement were also given to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

After the prayers, the groups paraded for the South Somerset Scouts District Commissioner's Trophy which was presented to the smartest group at the parade. The youngsters had to stand alert while they were judged by County Commissioner Shaun Dale, the Reverend Wade and John Robson. The shield was presented to the hosts, 1st Ilminster group. The parade was dismissed and everyone enjoyed a picnic.

District Commissioner Wines was delighted with the whole parade and would like to thank the National Trust team at Barrington Court, particularly Matthew Applegate and catering manager Helen Macdonald for making their day so memorable.



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Paul Sweatton / Roger Edwards, Managing Directors of Vision said "We appreciate that each individual has

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Peter continued "I will offer truly independent and impartial advice and I am committed to building long term relationships with my clients, based upon trust and integrity".

Peter can be contacted directly on 01305 813020, mobile 07774 577564 or e-mail peter@visionifp.co.uk, alternatively Vision Independent Financial Planning Ltd's office number is 01326 210904 and web site address www.visionifp.co.uk

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Come and join in the fun! Full event details and times will be printed in the Weekender series on Friday June 3rd. Until then here are just some of the highlights you can expect from this spectacular event ...

'Pimp Your Scooter'

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DON'T MISS the "Pimp My Scooter Parade" down Silver Street at 1:30pm. Scooters will meet up at Swan Precinct at 1pm to join in the parade. Judging will take place around 2-2:15pm at Greenfyld school. Download your entry form from the website or visit Lanes Garden Shop and pick one up. Bring your entry form with you on the day. We would like to

thank Electric Mobility Euro Limited who have sponsored this competition and for designing, printing and distributing over 5,000 leaflets to support our event. A "Stay Safe, Stay Mobile" mobility awareness course will be held at Greenfyld school between 11:00am - 15:00pm. This safety awareness event is run by the Avon & Somerset Police. Come and try out their safety course and see meet your local police team and their special police scooter.

We are having a Photo Competition!

We are having a photo competition! Do you fancy having your winning photo on the cover of the Ilminster Midsummer Experience Festival brochure 2012?

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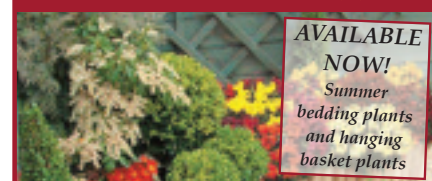
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tinue up Orchard Vale, pass Vaughan Lee House who will be having a stall. The route carries on up Herne Rise, turning left on Springfield and then left again on Lister's Hill. Follow down Lister's Hill back towards the town and the road eventually turns into Ditton Street. At the Tesco Petrol Station turn left again onto Canal Way and then shortly turning left to the Recreation Ground again which will complete the Strolling Garage Sale route. This route is approximately 1.5 miles and a lovely

walk. There will be lots of stalls and who knows ... you just might find your own Treasure!

The Ilminster Forum Green Event is on Saturday 11th 9:00am - 1:00pm at Greenfyld school.

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The entries for this year's Classic & Historic Car show on Sunday June 12th, part of the Ilminster Midsummer Experience, are coming in thick & fast with many really interesting vehicles al-

ready booked in. The show takes place on the recreation ground off Canal Way from 9.00am with lots of other activities also happening. Its not too late to bring your own Classic or Historic vehicle ring Steve on 01460 54328 for details. Entry is free of charge and there is a trophy for the best vehicle in show! See www.ilminsterexperience.co.uk for more information.



Scarecrow Competition

This year Ilminster Town Council are again holding a Scarecrow Competition which all residents of Ilminster are welcome to enter. Scarecrows should be on display from

9th and there will be prizes to the value of £30, £20 and £15 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places which will be given at the Town Council's presentation evening in the autumn. During the



midday Monday June 6th until Sunday evening 12th June. During this period three Town Councillors will judge the competition. The winners will be informed on June

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The weekend gets off to a high energy start with top dance band Tickled Pink. Nick Wyke and Becki Driscoll will be running dance workshops and there will be children's activities throughout the week-end, including a resident story teller, survival in the wild and circus skills workshops. Relaxation therapies and a licenced bar

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All tickets include meals. Discounts for 6-15 year olds, and under 5s are free.

Entry is by ticket only.

Visit <http://www.themagdalenproject.org.uk/folk.php> for full details or call Lisa or Martin on 01460 30144 for tickets.

Thorncombe Beer Festival to feature cricket tournament

ONCE a year, something a little strange yet rather wonderful happens in the pretty Dorset village of Thorncombe. There is one of the best stocked and friendly beer festivals in the area, this year taking place on Saturday, May 28th.

Held at the Thorncombe Cricket ground and run by the Thorncombe Sports and Social club this annual event takes on a whole new dimension this year with the addition of some no doubt, hilarious entertainment from a friendly (?) six-a-side cricket tournament played between various groups of local, some rather dodgy looking, individuals most of whom do not normally play cricket. There are rumours of fancy dress, county stereotypes and even celebrity star appearances so who knows what we are in for!

The club are renowned for their ability to condition and serve real ales to a very high standard and this year it promises to be even better than usual with at least twelve fine ales from across five counties. If you are a keen enthusiast of the independent breweries the names such as Glastonbury, Alton FFF, Piddle, Bays, North Curry, Quantock, Dartmoor, and Town Mill will be familiar but casting your eyes

down the list of beers and Ciders you may well find one or two new ones!

On tap this year, the TBF expect to present such delights as Pressed Rat and Warthog, Devon Dimpling, Piddle, Silent Slasher, Northern Star, Legend and the wonderful Hedge Monkey and if its Cider you fancy then as well as Stowford Press and Thatchers there is a new mysterious lady on the block who goes by the name of Gypsy's Kiss and another local favourite in Perrys.

There are still a few opportunities for sponsorship at this year's festival so if you fancy private or company sponsorship of a cask (which will carry your name and include 'owning' one of the cricket teams for the day) please contact Mike on 01460 30899 for details, prices can start from £35 and include FREE beer tokens.

There will also be some family attractions and games, Music, BBQ and a very special draw to win a pair of Test Match Tickets for the game between England and India at Lords

this summer. The festival and all events are helping to raise funds for the sports and social club.

The club is always keen to promote responsible drinking and of course encouraging people not to drink and drive so to this end, as usual there is free camping overnight (Friday and Saturday) so come and make a weekend of it and enjoy some of the best walks and views in the area too!

For more information and location help visit www.thorncombe-club.co.uk



The cast of Archibald's War

CLOKS tell the tale of Archibald's War

CHARD Local Kids Society for music and drama (CLOKS) are setting up to take a trip down memory lane for some, and to charm everyone, with their next production Archibald's War which will be performed in the Guildhall at the end of May.

Lucy's Grandma remembers 1939; a little girl called Maggie clutches her precious teddy bear. She's being evacuated and it's noisy and crowded at the busy station. Still at least she has her teddy bear, Archibald.

Maggie and her brother Tom share a train compartment with their friends: weepy Edith and the loud boisterous Baxters Liz, Fred and Ernie. It's a long journey but the guard is friendly and the children look after each other, when they are not arguing. Arriving in Somerset, the children wait to be picked by the host families. Only then does Maggie realise that she has left Archibald on the train.

The story follows the evacuees as they settle in to their new life in the country as well as Archibald's story. He's picked up by the friendly guard, who gives him to his own son Jack, back in the city. And the teddy bear becomes Jack's best friend through the nightly air raids. When Jack and his sister Eileen are eventually sent away to the countryside themselves, of course Archibald goes too.

Meanwhile the Baxters are running wild, yet



'Maggie' played by Charlotte Mooney, with Archibald

somehow winning over the grumpy host, Farmer Price. Although she misses her family and Archibald, of course, Maggie adjusts to life in the village. As the years pass even Edith becomes quite a Land Girl.

When the GI's throw a big party for everyone in the area, little do Jack and Maggie realise they are about to meet. And Jack's little cousin brings a certain teddy bear to the party too. When Maggie recognises her beloved Archibald, there is an emotional struggle over the bear; whose is he now?

As Lucy listens to her Grandma's memories, she doesn't guess the surprising end to Archibald's story.

The musical show which combines the authentic costumes and sentiments with modern choreography promises to be a great treat for the whole family. Thanks to a local printer they have gas mask boxes and luggage labels from original templates. They have as many authentic props as possible and the girls are working hard to master their heels and hairdos.

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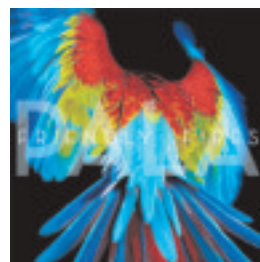
DIRECTOR'S CUT

Kate Bush
Kate Bush releases Director's Cut this week, an album of reworkings of tracks from previous albums Red Shoes (1993) and The Sensual World (1989).



PALA Friendly Fires

The St Albans trio return with the follow up to their eponymous 2008 debut. Featuring their trademark indie/electro/funk sound, but also fully embracing a sun-kissed, beach rave hedonism, the album is a contender for soundtrack to the summer.



MONA Mona

Nashville natives Mona, BBC sound of 2011 nominees, release their self-titled debut this week. With obvious influences in the shape of U2 and fellow southern rockers Kings Of Leon, the bands first album is a brave attempt at the stirring, stadium rock which the aforementioned are famed for.

DESTROYED Moby

The tenth studio album from, although less dance-oriented than previous efforts, is a return to form for the American, focusing more on sprawling tonal soundscapes.

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This Week's New Releases

BLACK SWAN ¹⁵

NINA (Natalie Portman) is a ballerina in a New York City ballet company whose life, like all those in her profession, is completely consumed with dance. She lives with her obsessive former ballerina mother Erica (Barbara Hershey) who exerts a suffocating control over her. When artistic director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) decides to replace prima ballerina Beth MacIntyre (Winona Ryder) for the opening production of their new season, Swan Lake, Nina is his first choice. But Nina has competition: a new dancer, Lily (Mila Kunis), who impresses Leroy as well. Swan Lake requires a dancer who can play both the White Swan with innocence and grace, and the Black Swan, who represents guile and sensuality. Nina fits the White Swan role perfectly but Lily is the personification of the Black Swan. As the two young dancers expand their rivalry into a twisted friendship, Nina begins to get more in touch with her dark side - a recklessness that threatens to destroy her.

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS ¹⁶

A FAST-PACED comedy adventure showing what can happen when you go up in the world...literally! Jack Black stars as Lemuel Gulliver, an underachieving mail room worker who finds himself washed ashore the fantasy land of Lilliput, populated by a tiny civilisation known as Lilliputians. With the Lilliputians having no idea of the modern world Gulliver is able to reinvent himself as their hero by impressing them with his size, superior knowledge and incredible inventions like the iPod.

THE NEXT THREE DAYS ^{12A}

THE powerful presence of Russell Crowe and the skillful writing and directing of Paul Haggis (Crash) give The Next Three Days an emotional heft to match its taut suspense. Schoolteacher John Brennan (Crowe) is stunned when his wife Laura (Elizabeth Banks, W.) is sentenced to life imprisonment for murder. As he watches her emotional decline behind bars, he becomes determined to break her out of prison—and The Next Three Days tracks his meticulous efforts, including wrong turns that threaten to capsize everything.

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Student bands to perform brand new material at live gig

YEOVIL College's First Year Music students will be showcasing their song-writing talent at a special gig on Tuesday, May 24th.

The show will feature students performing newly written original material for the first time, as well as some cover songs.

The five main bands performing are **The Platform Drivers**: Andy Poulton (guitar/vocals), Danny Williams (guitar), Luke Osborne (bass) and Pete Keys (drums), **Mercury** (Stephen Holton (drums), Christina Woolley (vocals), Jack Sandrey (guitar) and Adam Switzer (bass)), **Before You Leave** (Ross Derby (guitar & vocals), Morgan Grubb (bass & vocals), Mark Stent (guitar) and Pete Keys (drums)), **Apherium**: Sam Francis (guitar), Larry Turner (guitar & vocals), Callum Shortland (bass) and Ashley Jones (drums), and **Blood from Stone**: Madeleine Faulkner (vocals & keyboard), Darcy Whyman (guitar & bass), Calum Wood (guitar & bass) and Stephen Holton (drums).

Apherium's Larry Turner (17) from Yeovil said "I'm really looking forward to this gig. It's great to be able to write and perform our own songs in front of a crowd. We've usually played covers up to now, so it feels refreshing to let our creativity show with original material."

Yeovil College lecturer Simon Squire said "We've had an extremely busy year this year with lots of talented young musicians coming to study Music at the College. The pressure is mounting as we head towards the end of term, but the students are going from strength to strength and using every opportunity we provide to up their game. They're all developing a great stage presence and performance style which we're sure will give audiences lots to talk about."

The gig starts at 7.00 pm in The Barn at Yeovil College and entry costs £2 on the door. Refreshments will be available at this event.

For more information on Music courses and events, please visit www.yeovil.ac.uk.

Haselbury Plucknett May Fair Celebrations

HASELBURY Plucknett is celebrating its annual May Fair on Saturday, May 21st, organised jointly by Haselbury First School and St Michael and All Angels Church. Visitors will find numerous trading stalls selling a wide variety of goods, from cakes, books and plants to jewellery and craft items as well as sweets and candyfloss. They can try their luck on a well-stocked bottle tombola, as well as chocolate and crisp tombolas. The first prize for the grand draw is £100 and there is a silent auction with many desirable prizes, including a substantial joint of beef and a tour of the Ariel factory with a ride in the Ariel Atom. There are plenty of games and entertainments for children, including the ever-popular bouncy castle. A BBQ and teas will keep you well fed, while you watch the Chilton Cantelo Marching Band and the Merriott Majorettes. And if you are brave enough, you are invited to hold a magnificent bird of prey brought by Sharandys of Langport. The Fair runs from 12.00noon till 3.00pm in the safe environment of the Sports Field behind the School. Ample free parking is provided in the field opposite the White Horse.

East Meets West in Ilminster

ILMINSTER Arts Centre at the Meeting House will be displaying the works of Kaili Fu and Sue Williams as and exhibition entitled East Meets West, from Monday (May 23rd) to Saturday, June 18th.



'Duck' by Kaili Fu

Artist Kaili Fu's desire is to bring Chinese art to the West and she is passionate about introducing people to this ancient oriental skill. Her brush paintings on rice paper and silk reflect her love of nature and are based on her frequent trips to China, and travels around the UK, particularly the south west.

The sculptures of Sue Williams will be displayed alongside Kaili's work. Sue's studio is located in the depths of rural Somerset and many of her mixed media sculptures are based on the beautiful countryside that surrounds her. Some of her sculptures take the shape of animal or bird forms inspired by the local wildlife and her own menagerie of animals. Sue's pieces often have a comical element and reflect her fascination with colour, fantasy and the surreal.

The exhibition will be open Monday-Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm, and Saturdays from 9.30am - 2.30pm, admission is free.



'Hedgerow' by Sue Williams

Crewkerne Farmers Market this Saturday

DON'T forget the monthly Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Saturday, May 21st, in Falkland Square from 9am to 1pm. There will be a couple of new stalls this month and Raindrop Flowers are back with their quality, locally grown flowers and arrangements.

The first newcomer is Chocacao selling possibly the healthiest chocolate you will ever eat ... and it tastes great too! Hand made in rural Somerset, Chocacao uses the Acticoa process that guarantees the health benefits of chocolate. Their chocolate shapes and slabs provide the daily requirement of health-beneficial antioxidants.

The other newcomer is Beech Ridge Farm with their free range poultry and eggs for sale. Based near Wellington, Beech Ridge specialise in breeding rare and traditional chickens in a 'Free Range' environment. If you are interested in keeping your own poultry, rather than just roasting it, they also have over 50 varieties of bird, ranging from the Light Sussex to the Rhode Island Red; the White Crested Polish to the Gold Laced Orpington, as well as ducks and geese available to order.

Apart from talking to the producers, to find out how to make healthy chocolate or keep rare breed poultry, farmers markets also provide the opportunity for fledgling businesses to try things out. When the business takes off, that's the time to move on and leave the pitch for a new start-up. So congratulations to Quantock Brewery who are leaving the market as they are getting so many wholesale orders that they need more time to brew beer.

Local musicians Long Odds & Short Straws will be performing a programme of traditional English folk music at the market, raising funds for the Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance.

There will also be two guest pitches this month. The Freewheelers, with the motorcycle used by volunteer riders to provide emergency transport for the NHS, and Your Power, a renewable energy company who will be answering your questions about solar power.

For farmers market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk or pick up a leaflet when you visit Crewkerne on Saturday.

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ON Saturday evening (May 14th) in the church at Hinton St. George an enthusiastic audience was given a rare treat. Part Mexican classical guitarist Morgan Szymanski performed a fascinating programme of music written for the instrument in a concert organized by the Hinton St. George Festival Committee.

Commented Chairman Les Farris after the performance: "It was a rare privilege to listen to a truly beautiful and stunning performance by a master of the guitar. It was apparent from the rapt attention of audience members, the level of applause and the comments as they left the church that this was an evening to remember. Another indication of the success of Morgan's concert was the large number of his CDs purchased afterwards.

"Morgan Szymanski's is accustomed to playing in rather larger venues than a village church - his next performance is at the Wigmore Hall in London - but he said that the warm, intimate atmosphere of the grade one listed St. George's Church, and its renowned excellent acoustic, made it for him a very enjoyable experience.

Morgan was especially pleased to sign a CD for 8 year old William Lawson from the village who has recently taken up the guitar. William, accompanied by his father Andrew, sat transfixed throughout the lengthy concert and, his mother informs me, has been practising diligently ever since."



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weekenderlife DIARY DATES

FRIDAY MAY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Country Market at Henhayes Community Centre. 9-11.30am.

PERRY STREET, SOUTH CHARD: Family Fun Night at Perry Street Club from 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 220239 for more details.

FRIDAY MAY 20TH - SATURDAY JULY 2ND

ILMINSTER: Exhibition by local artist Mike Nicholls at Feast, East Street. For more details call 01460 57746.

SATURDAY MAY 21ST

CREWKERNE: Craft Fair at the Victoria Hall, Market Square from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Telephone 01460 74001 for more details.

ILMINSTER: Charity Ball at the Shrubbery Hotel. Dancing to 'Sidekicks'. Ticket £28 to include a carvery meal or £260 for a table of 10. Auction, tombola, photographer. In aid of Children's Hospice South West. Telephone 01460 30261 or 01460 259 983 for more details.

CHARD: Summer sale of bric-a-brac, toys, clothes etc. In aid of ZEM CC. From 9.30am at the Secret Garden Cafe, Holyrood Street. Donations welcome. Telephone 01460 62842 for more details.

NORTH PERROTT: Music Hall Fish & Chip Supper with Crewkerne Rotary chairman David Craner at North Perrott Cricket Club, from 7.30-11.30pm. Proceeds to Yeovil Stroke Club & Parkinson's UK. Tickets £8 (to include supper) available from Sandra Shore -contact 01460 77429 or sandra.shore@hotmail.co.uk

WHITELACKINGTON: Table Top/Car Boot Sale at Whitelackington Village Hall from 10am - 1pm. Disabled access. Telephone 01460 259565 for more details.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: Country Music Dance. Live music by 'Longshot Band'. At the Millenium Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, for 8pm start. Telephone 01935 881510 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Henhayes Community Centre from 9am - 12.30pm. Admission £1 for raffle ticket. Tea/coffee/cake £1.60. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

ILMINSTER: An evening of song with Airs & Graces and friends at Monk's Yard, Horton Cross Farm. In aid of Multiple Sclerosis Society and Parkinson's UK. Tickets £8 (to include complementary glass of wine and tea or coffee), available from 01404 861256 for more details.

PERRY STREET, SOUTH CHARD: Ruby Tuesday live music, female 60s tribute singer at Perry Street Club from 8.30pm. Telephone 01460 220239 for more details.

SUNDAY MAY 22ND

MISTERTON: Misterton Fete from 12noon - 4pm. Over 40 stalls with entertainment including model trains, classic cars, inflatable slide, paintballing, dog training displays and children's corner plus large variety of hot & cold food and drinks. Free entry and parking. Telephone 01460 76761 or 78931 for more information.

BARRINGTON: St Mary's Pre-School Brunch at the Village Hall from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Pre-School.

MONDAY MAY 23RD

ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group public meeting with a talk by Graham Watson MEP on 'China - A Challenge for the West?' The meeting will be held at the GLADE Centre, Frog Lane, Ilminster TA19 0AP at 7.30 pm; see www.glade.org for directions. All welcome - entry £3 including tea/coffee.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO MONDAY AND THE CHANGE OF VENUE

CREWKERNE: Choice of Ploughman's or homemade soup/roll/drink at Henhayes Community Centre. Cost £3.95 (members £3.50), available from 12.15 - 1pm (must be ordered by 10.30am). Telephone 01460 74340 to book or for more details.

TUESDAY MAY 24TH

CREWKERNE: Social Group for older more frail people who still like a laugh and chat. At Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 2.30pm. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Quiz/bingo. Transport available. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

THURSDAY MAY 26TH

COMBE ST NICHOLAS: Chard Folk Dance Club at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall from 8pm. Telephone 01460 73259 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit (and have a laugh) at Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 11am. £3 session (members £2). Lunch available but must be booked by 10.30am. Telephone 01460 74340.

FRIDAY MAY 27TH

ILMINSTER: Demonstration by Kate Lynch - expressive charcoal drawing at Monk's Yard, Horton Cross from 2-4pm. Telephone 01460 30012 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre from 9am - 11.30am.

FRIDAY MAY 27TH & MONDAY MAY 30TH

SOUTH PETHERTON: South Petherton Art Society Paintings Exhibition. At the Blake Hall, display and selling the work of talented local artists will be open to the public, admission free from 10am to 5pm, Friday to Monday inclusive (Monday last entry 4pm).

SATURDAY MAY 28TH

CREWKERNE: Tea/coffee with a cake £1.50. Open to all. From 9.30am - 12.30pm. At Henhayes Community Centre.

SUNDAY MAY 29TH

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Lions Car Boot Sale in Tesco's Car Park from 9am - 12noon. Sellers from 8am, £5 per car, larger vehicles priced on size.

SUNDAY MAY 29TH & MONDAY MAY 30TH

CREWKERNE: Garden Open at Wayford Manor from 2-5pm. Admission £4, children free. Dogs allowed, plants for sale.

TUESDAY MAY 31ST

CREWKERNE: Social Group for older more frail people who still like a laugh and chat. At Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 2.30pm. Lunch £5.50 with a cup of tea/coffee. Quiz/bingo. Transport available. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Gardening Club - guided tour of Lynash Nurseries, Walditch Lane. Meet at the Nursery at 7pm for 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, telephone 01460 72298 for more details.

THURSDAY JUNE 2ND

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit (and have a laugh) at Henhayes Community Centre from 10am - 11am. £3 session (members £2). Lunch available but must be booked by 10.30am. Telephone 01460 74340.

FRIDAY JUNE 3RD

CREWKERNE: Country Market at the Henhayes Community Centre from 9am - 11.30am.

SATURDAY JUNE 4TH

PERRY STREET, SOUTH CHARD: Family Disco with lazars at Perry Street Club. Telephone 01460 220239 for more details.

CREWKERNE: Tea/coffee with a cake £1.50. Open to all. From 9.30am - 12.30pm. At Henhayes Community Centre.

CREWKERNE: Coffee Morning at Crewkerne Museum from 10am - 12noon. All welcome.

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

TATWORTH: 31st Mini Rally at Tatworth Playing Fields, from 10am onwards. Adults £2, children under 16 and senior citizens free. Family fun, crafts, bouncy castle, stalls, stationary engines, vintage vehicles, tractors, working farm machinery, steam engines, refreshments and all day bar. Car boot sellers welcome. Telephone 01460 239434 for more details.

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH

ASH: The Martock Branch of Royal British Legion Afternoon Fete and Hog Roast at The Bell Inn, with live music from Sneaky Pete & The Vipers from 8.30pm. Event start at 12noon, admission £5. For more details call 01935 825689.

PERRY STREET, SOUTH CHARD: Ray Christie 60s Live music at Perry Street club from 8.30pm til late. Telephone 01460 220239 for more details.

SATURDAY JUNE 18TH

ILMINSTER: Ilminster Lions Summer Fete at Swanmead School. Spaces available for commercial, charity and craft schools. Telephone 08458 339612 for more details.

Going Out Film

This week's new releases

THE HANGOVER PART II ¹⁵

THIS week sees the release of the sequel to 2009's laugh-a-minute The Hangover.

Right after the bachelor party in Las Vegas, Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms), Alan (Zach Galifianakis), and Doug (Justin Bartha) jet to Thailand for Stu's wedding. Stu's plan for a subdued pre-wedding brunch, however, goes seriously awry.



BLITZ ¹⁸

TOUGH guy specialist Jason Statham plays Detective Sergeant Tom Brant, a hardened cop who is dispatched to take down a serial killer who has been targeting fellow police officers. High-octane action ensues in the quest for vengeance.

WIN WIN ¹⁵

DISHEARTENED attorney Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti), who moonlights as a high school wrestling coach, stumbles across a star athlete through some questionable business dealings while trying

to support his family. Just as it looks like he will get a double payday, the boy's mother shows up fresh from rehab and flat broke, threatening to derail everything.



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4: ON STRANGER TIDES ^{PG}

CAPTAIN Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) crosses paths with a woman from his past (Penelope Cruz), and he's not sure if it's love - or if she's a ruthless con artist who's using him to find the fabled Fountain of Youth. When she forces him aboard the Queen Anne's Revenge, the ship of the formidable pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane), Jack finds himself on an unexpected adventure in which he doesn't know who to fear more: Blackbeard or the woman from his past.

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17.20, 18.10, 19.00, 20.30, 21.20,

22.10

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14.10, 15.00, 15.50, 17.20, 18.10,

19.00, 20.30, plus Sat 22.10

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17.20, 18.10, 19.00, 20.30, 21.20,

21.20

Thor in 3D ^{12A} Daily: 15.40, 20.50

Water For Elephants ^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.30, 15.20, 18.00

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Daily: 13.20, 16.30, 19.40

Plus Sat & Sun: 10.10

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Daily: 13.00, 18.20

Plus Sat & Sun: 10.30

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 2: Rodrick

Rules ^U

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Blitz ¹⁸

Fri, Mon-Thu: 14.25, 16.50, 19.20,

21.30, Sat & Sun: 16.50, 19.20, 21.30

The Hangover Part II ¹⁵

Thu: 12.45, 13.30, 14.15, 15.15,

16.00, 16.45, 17.45, 18.30, 19.15,

20.15, 21.00, 21.45

Win Win ¹⁵

Daily: 13.05, 15.30, 17.50, 20.20

Insidious ¹⁵ Fri-Wed: 21.00

Fast & Furious 5 ^{12A}

Daily: 13.10, 16.00, 18.50, 21.40

Rio in 2D ^U Sat & Sun: 10.20, 12.30

Tangled in 2D ^{PG} Sat: 10.20

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Fri-Sun: 13.10, 16.00, 18.50, 21.35

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Insidious ¹⁵

Fri-Wed: 20.15

Pirates Of The Caribbean: On

Stranger Tides in 2D ^{12A}

Fri: 15.30, 18.40, 21.50

Sat & Sun: 12.20, 15.30, 18.40, 21.50

Mon-Tue: 12.50, 13.40, 16.00, 19.10,

20.00

Wed: 12.50, 13.40, 16.00, 16.50,

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Thu: 13.15, 16.30, 19.40

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Fri: 13.00, 13.40, 14.25, 14.50,

16.10, 17.30, 18.00, 19.20, 20.00,

20.40, 21.10, 22.20

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14.25, 14.50, 16.10, 17.30, 18.00,

19.20, 20.00, 20.40, 21.10, 22.20

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13.40, 14.25, 14.50, 16.10, 17.30,

18.00, 19.20, 20.00, 20.40, 21.10

Mon-Thu: 14.25, 15.10, 17.30,

18.20, 20.45, 21.30

The Hangover Part II ¹⁵

Thu: 13.30, 15.30, 16.15, 17.15,

18.00, 19.00, 20.20, 21.00, 21.40

Win Win ¹⁵

Daily: 13.05, 15.30, 17.50, 20.20

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Fast & Furious 5 ^{12A}

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New fleet for young drivers

SEAT Young Driver, which offers invaluable driving lessons to youngsters from 11 to 16 years old, has just taken delivery of a brand new fleet of SEAT Ibiza Ecomotives.

Featuring the latest ultra-green technology such as a common-rail TDI engine, Start/Stop system and brake Energy Recovery System, the Ibiza Ecomotive is among the very lowest-polluting new cars on the road, with CO2 emissions of just 92g/km.

SEAT Young Driver opened at Birmingham's NEC in October 2009 and has since provided over 20,000 lessons at venues across the UK including London, Bristol, Sheffield, Bluewater, Glasgow and Newcastle. Young Driver's eighth venue opens in Southampton in June.

Steve Robertson, Head of Marketing for SEAT UK, said of Young Driver: "Responsible parents are interested in the safety of their youngsters on the road and young people in particular are very aware of environmental concerns. The Ibiza Ecomotive is a great opportunity for SEAT Young Driver to demonstrate the cars of the future to tomorrow's motorists."

Kim Stanton, spokesperson for SEAT Young Driver, said: "Research from Sweden shows that accidents are reduced by 40 per cent through providing under 17s with driver training.

"With one in five UK youngsters crashing within six months of passing their test, we set out to establish the first nationwide network of sites to offer driving experience to those from 11 to 16. These new SEAT Ibiza Ecomotives enable us to show environmental responsibility as well as teach responsible road use."

Motoring commentator Quentin Willson has described the SEAT Young Driver as "a road safety revolution in the making" after his son, Max, attended a series of lessons.

Throughout May, SEAT Young Driver has reduced the prices of 30-minute and 60-minute lessons by 10 per cent at all UK sites. A 30-minute lesson now costs just £27.

New Zafira Tourer in showrooms from next year

VAUXHALL has confirmed that the Zafira Tourer concept, previewed at this year's Geneva Motor Show, will become a production reality, with first cars in UK showrooms by early 2012.

Called the Zafira Tourer, the new model will sit above the current Zafira model in Vauxhall's line-up and is set to raise the bar for design, luxury, flexibility and innovation in the MPV sector.

The production car's design, shown in this first official image, has deviated very little from the Geneva concept, illustrating design-chief, Mark Adams' continued influence on the look of all new Vauxhall products, and reinforcing his 'Sculptural artistry meets technical precision' mantra.

While the Zafira Tourer will continue to use Flex7 seating, which set

new standards for seven-seat integration in the original 1999 Zafira, the system has evolved radically in the new car to offer even greater levels of flexibility, innovation and comfort. Improved material quality, more cabin space and an overwhelmingly airy cabin further define the Zafira Tourer from its compact MPV Zafira sibling.

The Zafira Tourer will also hold great driver appeal. A new chassis, using key components from the Insignia, with a longer wheelbase (complementing its 190mm increase in overall length) and wider tracks, will provide outstanding dynamics, while offering occupants more cabin space and ride comfort.

Vauxhall's acclaimed FlexRide adaptive damping system – a rarity in this class – will also be available as an option.

A great emphasis has been placed on safety in the Zafira Tourer, with a plethora of driver-assist systems making a first appearance in the new model.

Traffic Sign Recognition, Side Blind Spot Alert and Advance Park Assist – which helps drivers find an adequate parking space and guides them in to it – are among the option highlights.

Two new engines – a 1.4 Turbo petrol and a 2.0 CDTi diesel (with three outputs) – join a 1.8-litre petrol unit to offer a spread of power options from 110PS to 165PS.

The Zafira Tourer will receive its world debut at this year's Frankfurt Motor Show (September 15th-25th).

Flex7 was a revelation when it was launched in the original 1999 Zafira, offering owners the ability to transform their car

from a five- to a seven-seater quickly and simply.

While the Zafira Tourer retains the basic concept of Flex7, it's made significant improvements in the way it functions.

The Zafira Tourer's load volumes have also increased over the existing Zafira. In five-seat mode, the luggage area can now hold up to 710 litres (up 65 litres versus

current Zafira), and up to 1860 litres (+40 litres) when all rear seats are folded.

FlexConsole, a central storage system running between the front seats (similar to that found in last year's Meriva), allows occupants to keep the large cabin tidy and ordered. An armrest module, incorporating a stowage cubby, and a cup holder slide and lock into the desired po-

sition, giving front passengers greater flexibility while they're on the move.

For the first time in a Zafira model, a new-generation FlexFix is also available.

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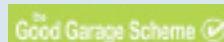
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BOVEY BLITZ BEAMINSTER

Shepton Beauchamp clinch impressive treble

BEAMINSTER RESERVES 3 SOUTH PETHERTON RES 5 DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP FINAL

(at Perry Street, Thursday, May 12th)

FAVOURITES Beaminster Reserves were blown away by a four goal salvo by livewire South Petherton Reserves' striker Jody Bovey at Perry Street on Thursday evening.

Beaminster, newly crowned as Division Two Champions, had done the league double over their opponents and, with a potent three-pronged attack of Josh Hunter (33 goals), Ross Pickett (21 goal) and Dan Pyett (24 goals) may have gone into the game thinking they could 'out-gun' any team in the competition.

But Bovey had other ideas.

The early exchanges did indeed see Hunter, Pyett and winger Dan Tolman all linking well with Pyett firing just wide in the 10th minute.

Two minutes later midfielder Mark Carstairs cracked a 25-yarder that was tipped around the post by Magpies' keeper Andy Male.

But the balance of the game surprisingly shifted from this juncture. Bovey surged down the right flank before crossing to the impressive Ashley Smith whose header beat the Rainbows' diminutive gloveman Mark Tozer but was hacked off the line by centre-back Adam Butcher.

Smith went close again in the 20th minute when he weaved in from the angle of the box before unleashing an angled shot that Tozer did well to keep out.

The deadlock was broken five minutes later when the Beaminster defence was guilty of hesitating under a high ball and Bovey nipped-in to slot past the advancing Tozer.

The West Dorset side responded almost immediately. First Mark Woodley's long free-kick was headed narrowly wide by Ross Pickett.

Then Pickett challenged for a high ball which popped up invitingly for old-fashioned centre-forward but his volley missed the target from just eight yards.

It mattered not. Beaminster were level 10 minutes before the interval when Dan Tolman, who had an impressive first-half, cut in from his left-wing position before drilling home a low shot across Male and into the far corner.

Tolman almost created a second soon after for Hunter but his header was comfortably saved by Male.

With thoughts turning to the break Pethy stunned their opponents for a second time when Smith's shot came back off an up-right only for Bovey to pounce on the rebound.

The killer third goal arrived in the 53rd minute when referee Simon Salter, who had a fine game, pointed to the spot after Hunter, back defending a corner, had tripped Smith in his own area.

Jary smashed the resulting spot-kick high down the centre of the goal to leave Robin Ormsby's side with a mountain the climb.

Hunter went close with to low drive that flew just wide on the hour but the result was confirmed 20 minutes from time when the predatory instincts of Bovey came to

the fore gain when he jumped on a half-chance and unleashed a volley that gave Tozer no chance and completed his hat-trick.

Ninety seconds later it was 5-1; substitute Mark Padfield played a slide-rule pass into the Beaminster area and Bovey rolled home his fourth goal of the match.

Padfield went close with a fine long-range effort before The Rainbows gave the score line an air of respectability with late consolation from skipper Richie Middleton and Butcher.

Bovey obviously took the Man-of-the-Match honours, and looked every inch the Premier Division front man that he was last season, but there were fine performances from Smith and captain Karl Diment who, despite losing out in the height stakes, did

bound shot onto the crossbar.

But Cleal was powerless to keep out the opener as Smith weaved his way into the box before hammering a shot into the roof of the net.

Cleal was also at his best on the half hour as he stood tall to deny the prolific Sam Murley in a one-on-one chance.

Moments later Murley scythed his way in the area before being tripped by Jack Chapple but referee Andy Dyke dismissed the strong Shepton appeals for a penalty and Uplyme clung on to reach the interval fortunate to be just the one goal behind.

The result was sealed five minutes after the restart when a long throw-in was flicked on to Murley who tapped in his 35th goal of the season.

Two minutes later Cleal made his one mistake in an otherwise Man-of-the-Match performance when he flapped at a cross and Smith pounced on the rebound.

It could have got even worse for the Swallows on the hour. Smith was chopped down in the area but Kris Hastings' spot-kick was poorly placed and Cleal saved well.

Five minutes later the Uplyme gloveman leapt acrobatically to tip a free-kick from Sam Hodgkinson around the post.

Finally Rob Coombe's side began to create some openings. Ryan Prendeville beat two defenders and rolled a shot past Terry Crocker only to see the ball clip the post.

The large Uplyme support was finally given something to cheer 15 minutes from time when a Stuart King's long throw-in was flicked on to Gavin Fowler who cleverly guided the ball into the corner.

But Shepton thoroughly deserved their win and had star men in Murley Smith and Hodgkinson.

Top performers for Uplyme were the outstanding Cleal and wingers Jack Borgeat and Adam Neale.

Manager Coombe had no complaints, he said: "I think the occasion and the big crowd got to some of our players. Our passing was poor and we seemed panicky. All credit to Shepton they thoroughly deserved their win."

UPLYME

Lloyd Cleal, Greg Matthews, Kieran White, Paul Sampson, Pip Marchant (captain), Jack Chapple, Stuart King, Adam Neale, Jack Borgeat, Gavin Fowler, James Beddows.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP

Terry Crocker, Theo Heath, Andy Moody, Kris Hastings, Rich Phippen, Sam Hodgkinson (captain), Jon Spendlow, Sam Hawkins, George Pugson, Sam Murley, Dan Smith.

Referee: Andy Dyke, assistants: Pete Lowe, Bryan Perryman.

◆ **THE PSL Pick-of-the League team were due to take on the Yeovil & District league at Somerton tonight (kick-off is 6.45pm).**

New manager Karl Diment takes charge for the first time with the Jubilee Cup at stake.

South Somerset cup glory

a good job in nullifying the ariel threat of Pickett.

For Beaminster, Tolman had a fine first-half as did Mark Carstairs and Hunter had a few half-chances but his frustrations got the better of him.

BEAMINSTER RESERVES

Mark Tozer, Ashley Hall (Pete Stone 46), Mark Woodley, Adam Butcher, Tim Carstairs (Richie Miles 66), Mark Carstairs, Richie Middleton (Captain), Dan Pyett, Dan Tolman, Josh Hunter, Ross Pickett.

Goals: D.Tolman (35), Middleton (86), Butcher (96).

SOUTH PETHERTON RESERVES

Andy Male, Darren Howells (Scott Fowler 81), John Fullerton, Karl Diment (Captain, Sam Coombes 72), Matt Gold, Adrian Farrell, Dave Batstone (Mark Padfield 67), Jody Bovey, Owen Jary, Dan Rogers.

Goals: Bovey (25, 45, 70, 72), Jary (53 pen). Referee: Simon Salter, assistants: Clive Crabb, Richard Young.

UPLYME 1

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 3

TOMMY TABBERER CUP FINAL

(at Lyme Regis, Friday MAY 13th)

SHEPTON Beauchamp deservedly lifted the Tommy Tabberer Cup for the first time in their history with a comprehensive 3-1 win over Uplyme at the Davey Fort on Friday evening.

Anthony Smith's side went into the game as clear favourites having beat the Devonians on three occasions since Christmas and as soon as Dan Smith opened the scoring in the 23rd minute Shepton took control.

Smith had earlier been denied by a stunning save by Uplyme 'keeper Lloyd Cleal who acrobatically tipped the striker's goal

■ **MAGPIE MAYHEM:** South Petherton Reserves celebrate after their stunning 5-3 Daisy Hitches Cup Final victory over favourites Beaminster Reserves at Perry Street last Thursday.
Photo by **HOWARD LARCOMBE**



■ **RED OVER AMBER:** Winsham United pictured after their recent 4-0 Arthur Gage Cup Final triumph over Netherbury.
Photo by **HOWARD LARCOMBE**



■ **A SEASON TO REMEMBER:** Shepton Beauchamp added the Tommy Tabberer Cup to the Jack Venn and a promotion place after a comfortable 3-1 win over Uplyme at the Davey Fort last Friday.
Photo by **HOWARD LARCOMBE**

JACK HIGH BOWLS CLUB NEWS

Iminster quintet in County squad

SEVERALLS with Ken Robbins
LAST Saturday (May 14th) Severalls entertained Shaftesbury for a Wessex Mixed Friendly League match and, despite a blustery wind which made the bowling tricky at times, the weather was reasonably warm and sunny.

The game was played in a good friendly spirit and resulted in a win for the home team by 39 shots 91 - 52 taking all of the 16 points available. Rink scores: L.Noad, S.Phinn, D.Wallis and D.Rees 18 C.Battell 14. P.Robbins, T.Robbins, G.Chant and K.Robbins 22 - M.Lewis 16. N.Austin, S.Hodder, R.Hodder and R.Radford 31 - J.Blandford 7. C.Phinn, M.Robbins, S.Rees and R.Devney 20 - I.Perry 15.

On Sunday our visitors were South Petherton for another Wessex Mixed Friendly League match, again with a persistent blustery wind making bowling difficult at times but a very good competitive game ensued.

It's always a pleasure to play against long standing friends with plenty of good humoured comments flying about. The result was a win for South Petherton by seven shots 84-91 so we only took four points from this game.

Rink scores: C.Phinn, J.Lacey, S.Rees and R.Devney 35 - C.Harris 21. M.Gilbert, B.McCallum, K.Robbins and D.Rees 14 - L.Symes 19. M.Rawe, S.Hodder, W.Gilbert and K.Leamon 10 - R.Corbet 37. A.Larcombe, L.Noad, Ann Larcombe and R.Hodder 25 - P.Hutchings 14.

CREWKERNE with Anne Smith
CREWKERNE Bowling Club, having got off to an encouraging start to the season with two wins out of three.

The club began by losing to Bridport in a mens friendly and then winning against Westlands 75-67 in the league and Sherbourne 96-72 in the Wessex Mixed.

These results were followed by a 90-73 defeat against South Petherton, also in the Wessex Mixed. The opening match in the Mens Somerset County League was against Taunton B which resulted in a

win for Crewkerne on all three rinks (76-44). However, Taunton Deane A proved too strong for us on the day taking the game 52-67.

Two fixtures against Shaftesbury resulted in mixed fortunes. Having defeated them in the Wessex Mixed Knockout Cup by eight shots they got their revenge by winning 79-54 in the league two evenings later.

Crewkerne Ladies had an encouraging start to their new season. Our first friendly game at home to Westlands saw us narrowly losing on two rinks but a good win on the third meant that we won by 49-38.

Our next game was away to Queen Camel where we won on all 3 rinks giving us a final score of 58-39.

SOUTH PETHERTON with Robert F. Mills
ON Monday, May 9th we played host to Somerton Bowling Club for our first match this season in the Two Counties League.

On a dry, but cold, evening we managed to come out winners on three of the four rinks and by an overall score of 30 shots. Thus gaining 12 of the 14 league points available.

Scores: P Mottram, G Manuel, L Langdon and C Harris, won 19-17; G Meecham, B Careford, D Gaylard and R Corbet, won 23-13; N Pipe, S Lester, D Hingley and L Symes, won 33-10; J James, D Farr, C Cox and R Mills lost 15-20.

Whilst the men were having their success the ladies played a two rink friendly match winning on 1 and losing on one, also losing overall by just five shots. After the game the ladies captain, Eileen Beckey, complemented her team on a tremendous effort as some were playing despite not being completely fit.

Scores: Sue Donovan, Marilyn Anderson, Rita Careford and Eileen Beckey won 20-19; Helen Perry, Ursula Black, Joan Raikes and Diane Lester lost 13-19.

Our league program continued on Saturday (May 14th) with another Wessex Friendly League Match at Chard Bowling Club. This lived up to the leagues Friendly title by being played in a most amicable

manner. Petherton managed to win two rinks, draw on one and lose on one also winning overall by 14 shots, thus taking 13 of the possible 16 league points available.

Scores: P Mottram, Joan Raikes, S Lester and R Corbet lost, 10-23; N Pipe, Marilyn Anderson, B Careford and R Mills won 26-16; G Meecham, Eileen Beckey, L Langdon, and P Hutchings drew 19-19; J James, Diane Lester, D Gaylard and L Symes won 26-9.

Our final game this week was another Wessex Friendly League match away at Severels Jubilee. Petherton managed to keep up their winning ways by winning two of the four rinks and by an overall score of seven shots - thus gaining 12 of the 16 league points available.

Scores: J James, Helen Perry, B Careford and C Harris lost 21-34; N Pipe, G Manuel, Eileen Beckey and L Symes won 19-14; P Mottram, Joan Raikes, R Mills and R Corbet won 37-10; M Duckett, Sue Donovan, L Langdon and P Hutchings lost 14-25.

ILMINSTER with Matt Hamilton
Iminster bowling club played the second round of the county league fixtures this week, with Iminster A travelling to Clevedon Prom.

Iminster started well and played good bowls through the game, Clevedon showed spirit to push towards a tight finish. But Iminster did enough to win the match 10-2 on points.

Iminster C took on Wyrall Park and put in an excellent display on all rinks, and played some excellent bowls to win 12-0.

Iminster bowlers Matt Hamilton, Ben Hamilton, Louis Ridout, Pete Mattravers and Bev Brister took part in the Middleton Cup trial held at winscombe.

The Iminster players all had good trials and played some excellent bowls with the other county players.

The Iminster players will all be part of the game next sunday against rivals Devon, which is to be held at Iminster.

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Robins' runners-up

NEEDING just two points from their final two mayches Chard Town have failed in their bid to land the Devon & Exeter League Division Three title for the first time in their history.

With just one defeat in their previous 16 matches the Robins' second string must have full of confidence going into away games at Offwell and Bampton.

On Saturday a Liam Cleal goal couldn't save Chard as they went down 3-1 at fourth placed Offwell Rangers this was followed by a trek to take on lowly Bampton on Monday.

Unfortunately 'the Ponies' showed their stubborn streak and Darren Stewart's side were left to rue what might have been as they trooped home with a solitary point after a 1-1 draw - a result which handed the silverware to long-time leaders Topsham Town Reserves.

■ SUCCESSFUL: Chard Town Reserves' manager Darren Stewart has led his team to promotion at the first attempt.



D & E DIVISION 3 (top)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Topsham Town Reserves	28	20	4	4	112	43	64
CHARD TOWN RES	28	20	4	4	84	30	64
Pinhoe	28	17	6	5	103	46	57
Offwell Rangers*	28	18	2	8	75	45	55
Sandford*	27	15	5	7	88	67	48
Upton	27	12	6	9	57	42	42
Dawlish United	28	12	5	11	62	41	41

Mixed tennis

YEOVIL & District Mixed Tennis League, early tables;

DIVISION ONE	Pld	Pts
Sherborne A	2	20
Charmouth A	2	12
Sherborne B	1	10
Martock A	1	9
South Petherton A	1	6
Iminster A	2	5
Yeovil A	2	5
Bridport A	1	0

DIVISION TWO	Pld	Pts
Melcombe Regis A	3	22
Weymouth A	3	21
Martock B	3	20
Bridport B	3	18
Augusta Westlands A	2	14
Yeovil B	2	7
Beaminster A	2	5
Chard A	2	4

DIVISION THREE	Pld	Pts
Sherborne C	2	17
Chard B	2	16
Melcombe Regis B	2	14
Somerton A	2	5
Martock C	1	3
South Petherton B	1	1

DIVISION FOUR	Pld	Pts
Queen Camel A	1	10
Weymouth B	1	1
Tintinhull A	0	0
Iminster B	0	0
Stoke St Gregory A	0	0

Ding dong - Clangers are Champs!

The final of the Iminster & District Skittle League Cup was held between the Cricketers and the Bell Clangers at Donyatt bowling club on Thursday, May 12th.

This turned out to be a close match fitting of a final with the Cricketers up by five pins after four hands. Then the Bell Clangers hit some good spares - Bob Richards hit a 23 as well as 11 and 13 spares finishing with a total of 72 taking the Highest Individual Score title in the process. The team ended with a total of 366 pins

Although the Cricketers battled well, they could not quite reach the total set and ended 13 short on 353 with Gary White being highest individual with 51.

The League would like to thank Joe at the Donyatt Bowling Club for use of the venue and supply of food and also take the opportunity to congratulate all teams for an entertaining 2010-11 season.

The league's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7th.

Any pubs or new teams wishing to join the Mens Thursday night league are very welcome and can contact Mike on 01460 53855 or Neil on 01460 52203 for more details.

■ IN FORM: Bob Richards who hit a fine 72 to land the individual award.



■ IN TUNE: The Bell Clangers team pictured after their 13-pin win over the Cricketers.

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Overseas camp a huge success

SOMERSET Cheetas Swimming Club is aiming to excel at the forthcoming regional and national competitions following their recent intensive training camp at the Crol Centre, Barcelona, Spain.

Chard-based Keith Hallam, Team Leader of the Somerset Cheetas, remarked: "Taking 27 swimmers to Spain sounded a daunting task but there was no need to be concerned as the team excelled in training and during all the team activities."

"They are a fantastic group of kids and I am so proud of them all."

Somerset Cheetas was only formed in 2010 from the performance swimmers in Street and District & Chard Swimming Clubs and in their first year, they have already achieved local and national success.

The aim of the overseas swim camp was to bring them closer together and to train at the fabulous Crol swimming complex under the direction of Head Coach Zoe Baker, assisted by two hard working volunteer coaches, Tash and Anouska Gould from Pilton.

In addition to the grueling training regime, the swimmers performed team tasks throughout the day, which culminated in a hugely entertaining 'Cheetas Got Talent' contest.

Levi Lovell from Dunstan School, Glastonbury won the Biathlon; a 2k swim plus 2k run and Kody Richards, Crispin School won the top male swimmer of the week, with Abigail Dare from Chard winning the top female swimmer.



■ OLA: The Somerset Cheetas Swimming squad pictured in Barcelona during their first ever overseas intensive training camp. It is hoped the experience will stand the group in good stead ahead of the upcoming regional and national championships.

Camp organiser, Beverley Lavallin commented that as a team building exercise the Camp had exceeded all expectations.

Anyone interested in joining the Cheetas Performance Squad can contact enquiry@swimcheetas.co.uk.

HOWZAT - The early season cricket news

Witches suffer trial by spin

Witchampton 2nd 85 all out lost to Crewkerne 88-0 by ten wickets Dorset league Division Seven

CREWKERNE produced one of their best victories for many a year with a comprehensive 10 wicket victory against Witchampton 2nds, despite a problem raising a team

Skipper Ashley Lawrence lost the toss on what looked like a batsman's paradise, but Francis Medley struck in the first over before Rob Cornelius (1-35) removed the experience Burbidge (23) and Medley (2-27), bowling excellently, quickly made further inroads. However the turning point came when spin twins Mark Culpitt and Robbie James were brought into the fray.

Culpitt removed two batsmen in consecutive overs, before James (2-5) bowled

Bennett (32), and another victim in the same over. Culpitt (4-9) then bagged a double wicket maiden as the shell shocked hosts were bowled out for just 85, losing their last seven wickets for 10 runs in just six overs.

The youthful pair of Steve Briggs and Geoff Carr opened in reply to gain experience in the middle, and

it proved to be a good decision as the dashing Briggs (52 not out) showed promise for the future, dispatching the Witchampton bowling brutally to the boundary, whilst Carr (12 not out) anchored sensibly at the other end as the duo made light work of the total to win in only the 15th over of their reply.

An excellent victory for Crewkerne, with good performances from the whole team; even more impressive given the number of players unavailable for the long away trip.

Sunday Friendly Crewkerne 224-9 beat Hinton St George 168 all out by 56 runs

IT was a debut to remember for 17-year-old Richard Wakely as he inspired Crewkerne to an excellent victory over near neighbours Hinton St George with an exceptional performance with both bat and ball.

Batting first Crewkerne hit a competitive 224-9, with Wakely hitting 110 including 14 fours and 6 sixes, including a maximum to bring up his century in style. Nick Keylock (24), Francis Medley (17), Neil Sentance (17no) and Rick Keylock (30) all made useful contributions, with Newey (4-31) and Turvey (2-1) the pick of

the visitors bowlers.

Wakely (3-10) again was in the act as he, Medley (1-11) and Jack Osborne (1-37) reduced the visitors to 26-5, however some aggressive batting from Atherton (52) and Newey (30) put Hinton back in with a chance.

But the introduction of Skipper Hamish Hodder (2-38) removed both quickly, and despite Turvey (38) putting up some useful resistance, Clive Wakely (2-12) and Mike Brockwell (1-1) helped Crewkerne win by 56 runs.

THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES:

WEST OF ENGLAND PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier: Ilminster v Westbury & District. Bristol & Somerset Division: Chard v Knowle CC. Somerset Division: Ilton v Winscombe CC. Premier 2nds: Westbury & District v Ilminster. Bristol & Somerset 2nds: Knowle CC v Chard CC.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

Division One: North Perrott v Staplegrove. Division Two: Kilmington & Stourton v Barrington, Horrington v South Petherton. Division Four: Staplegrove II v North Perrott II. Division Six: Baltonsborough v Broadway & Horton, Chard A v Bridgwater Sports. Division Seven: Ilminster A v Butleigh II, Barrington II v Bishops Lydeard II, Division Eight: Spaxton v All Saints. Division Nine (South): South Petherton II v Ilminster B. Division 10 (South West): Cranmore III v Chard 750, Chilton Polden II v Ilton II.

DORSET LEAGUE

Division Seven: Crewkerne v Ferndown Wayfarers

CRICKET CAPTAINS

Please send your upcoming team news ahead of the weekend's games to howard@pemedial.co.uk

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT puts HAMISH HODDER, skipper of resurgent Crewkerne CC UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been involved in the local cricket scene and in what capacities?

A I moved to the area in 2008 and made my debut for Crewkerne at the start of the season. Since joining I've been; secretary, fixture secretary, Saturday vice-captain, Sunday captain and website administrator.

Q Name the three best players you've played alongside and why.

A Jon Gould - a powerful and brutal batsman who hits the ball miles, Ed Sparrow would be the best all-rounder - an excellent top order batsman and aggressive and tight bowler. Other would be the 'king of spin' Mark Culpitt who can turn a game with his off spin.

Q What has been your favourite away ground?

A Very difficult to choose, but I have always really enjoyed playing down at All Saints, just over the border in Devon. A beautiful and quiet location.

Q How would you improve things at Crewkerne CC?

A It would be great to get the youth teams going again and to get involved more in the community as a club.

Q Do any games stick out in your memory?

A I remember playing Baltonsborough at home a few years back on FA Cup Final Day. We we beaten heavily and ended up only missing five minutes of the Final! On a brighter note we played Thorncombe in a friendly last year and chased down 194 to win despite being 40 for 5.

Q Name some young players we should look out for in the future.

A WicketKeeper-batsman Jonny Crease and Robert Keylock are both worth looking out for in the seasons to come.

NEXT WEEK:

Ilminster CC's ex-Somerset county wicketkeeper Sam Spurway

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CHARD YOUTH RUGBY

CHARD Youth rugby club are on the look-out for players next season. For more information contact Kharon on 07837 123274 or Heidi on 07824 707099.

MERRIOTT ROVERS FC

MERRIOTT Rovers are holding their annual meeting at Merriott Social Club next Thursday (May 26th). The meeting is set to commence at 7.30pm.

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